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**Title of Application:**

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A HARD DISK DRIVE  
SUSPENSION FLEXURE AND FOR PREVENTING DAMAGE DUE TO ELECTRICAL ARCING**

**Transmitted with the patent application are the following:**

- 2 Page(s) Transmittal form (and one copy)  
13 Page(s) Cover Page (1); Specification (6), Claims (5), Abstract (1)  
7 Page(s) Drawings  
2 Page(s) Declaration and Power of Attorney (signed)  
3 Page(s) Recordation of Assignment and Assignment form (signed)  
3 Page(s) Information Disclosure Statement; PTO-1449 (modified) form; and four (4) references not included in page count  
18 Page(s) Certified copy of: **PCT/CN03/00194 filed on 17 MARCH 2003**  
\_\_\_ Page(s) Statement of Related Applications

This application is a \_\_\_ Continuation / Continuation-in-Part / Divisional of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_, filed \_\_\_.

**Fee calculation for large entity:**

|                                 | No. Filed | Allowed | No. Extra | Rate              | Fee        |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| <b>Basic Fee</b>                |           |         |           |                   | \$770.00   |
| <b>Total Claims</b>             | 32        | -20     | 12        | 18.00             | 216.00     |
| <b>Independent Claims</b>       | 2         | -3      | 0         | 86.00             |            |
| <b>Multiple Dependent Claim</b> |           |         |           | +\$290.00         |            |
|                                 |           |         |           | <b>Assignment</b> | 40.00      |
|                                 |           |         |           | <b>Total</b>      | \$1,026.00 |

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